

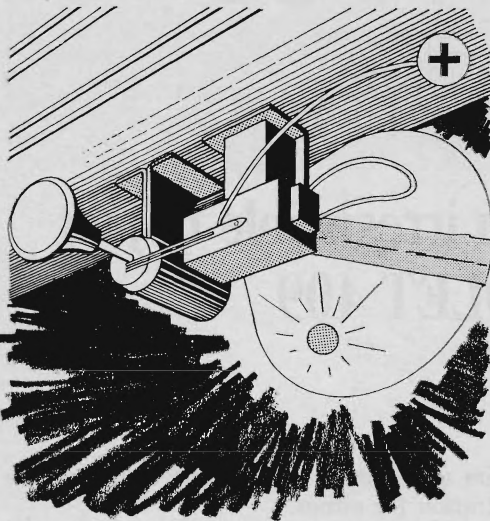


# Hints from the Model Garage



Washing winter grime off your car in cold weather can leave you with a set of frozen locks if you park your car out of doors.

Avoid the problem by taping over the locks with masking or adhesive tape—and be sure not to forget that trunk lock.



Keep forgetting to push the choke knob back after the engine warms up? A warning light is an ideal answer. It can be made from a low-cost clamp-on running lamp and a mercury switch. Wire the lamp and switch in series to the accessory terminal of the ignition switch. Make a shade for the bulb by taping a white card into a cone, with red cellophane covering a hole.

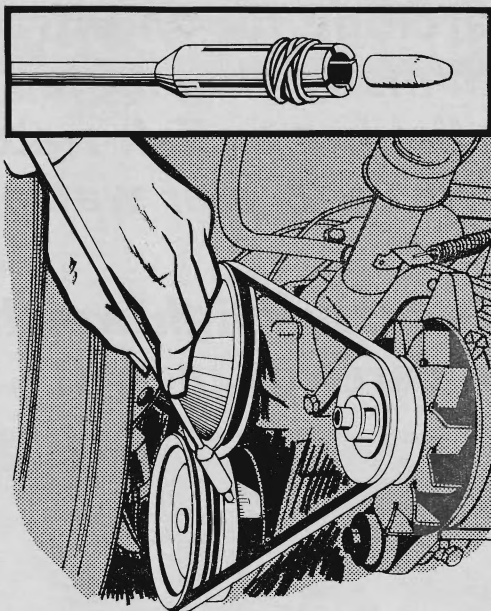


To prevent kinks from forming at sharp bends in radiator or heater hoses, place a worm-drive type of hose clamp at the middle of the bend. Tightening the clamp until it grips firmly will force the hose into a correct cross section and permit the full flow of coolant. In addition, the hose is less likely to leak when there are no kinks in it to weaken the rubber.

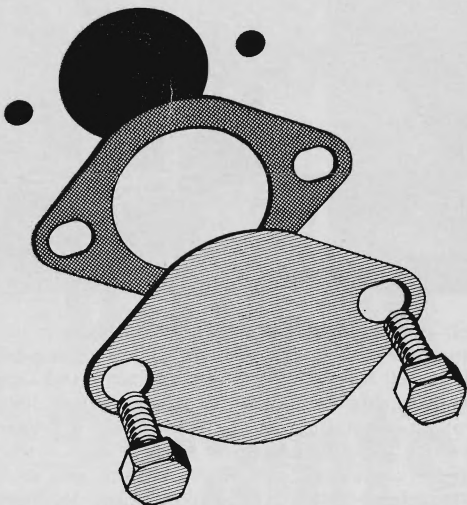
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If you don't smoke, your ashtray can be converted into a handy holder for toll coins. Just cut off the snuffer at the tray front with a hacksaw, and insert a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " spring, slightly longer than the tray is wide, across it to hold six or eight small coins.



Chalking those hard-to-reach marks on the crankshaft pulley and index pointer can be a lot easier with a chalk holder made from a discarded radio antenna. Cut 2" slots in the hollow tube and flare it to fit the chalk. Rubber bands hold it tight.



Repair of leaky freeze plugs is easier, on cars like the '55 Pontiac that have interchangeable cylinder heads, if you block off the leaky plug. Use gasket at front water outlet as template to cut a steel plate, install gasket, secure plate with cap screws.



Keep sand handy for winter emergencies when wheels spin in snow or on ice by packing it in plastic food bags. Most bags hold just about enough for one-shot use under the wheels to get you going. You can tuck 10 or 12 of these in the trunk.